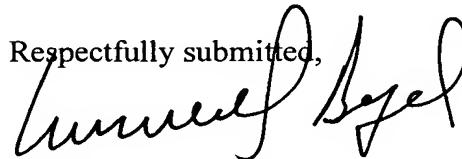


REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the present application that is reflected in the Final Official Action of August 18, 2004. Applicants also appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 2, 4, and 9-18 are allowed. In response, Applicants have canceled Claim 3 and amended Claims 2, 4, and 14-18 to correct minor errors therein to place the present application in condition for allowance. In particular, as Claim 14 recites "[a]n integrated circuit," dependent Claims 2, 4, and 15-18 have been amended to remove the term "electrode" from the recitation "integrated circuit electrode" to comply with the antecedent basis requirements of 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Claim 14 has also been amended to provide antecedent basis for recitations of "the first metal" and "the second metal" in the recitation of "the second gate electrode." Accordingly, Applicants submit that the pending claims now are in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

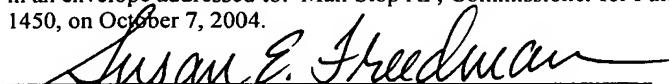
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